

# Plains Miwok language

**Plains Miwok**, also known as **Valley Miwok**, was one of the Miwok languages spoken in central California by the Plains Miwok people. It was spoken in the deltas of the San Joaquin and Cosumnes Rivers. Plains Miwok was once one of the most populous Miwok languages. All of the population has shifted to English.

## Phonology

Plains Miwok	
<b>Native to</b>	United States
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Plains and Sierra Miwok
<b>Extinct</b>	maybe 1960s; 1 speaker in 1962 <sup>[1]</sup> or 1990s <sup>[2]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	<div>Yok-Utian<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Utian<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Miwokan<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Eastern<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Plains Miwok</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></div>
Language codes	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	pmw
<b>Glottolog</b>	plai1259 ( <span>http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/plai1259</span> ) <sup>[3]</sup>

Consonants

		<u>Bilabial</u>	<u>Alveolar</u>	<u>Post-alveolar</u>	<u>Palatal</u>	<u>Velar</u>	<u>Glottal</u>
<u>Stop</u>	plain	p	t			k	ʔ ’
	voiced	(b)	(d)			(g)	
<u>Affricate</u>				tʃ <i>c</i>			
<u>Nasal</u>		m	n			ŋ	
<u>Fricative</u>			s				h
<u>Tap</u>			(ɾ) <i>r</i>				
<u>Approximant</u>		w	l		j <i>j</i>		

Phonemes in parentheses are taken from Spanish loan words. Allophones of /b tʃ g n s/ include [β ts ɣ ŋ ɣ̞].<sup>[4]</sup>

Vowels

	<u>Front</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>Back</u>
<u>Close</u>	i	ɨ <i>y</i>	u
<u>Mid</u>	e	ə	o
<u>Open</u>		a	

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## External links

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- Plains Miwok at the Survey of California and Other Indian Languages (<http://linguistics.berkeley.edu/~survey/languages/plains-miwok.php>)
- Plains Miwok (<https://web.archive.org/web/20140204010007/http://cla.berkeley.edu/language/5760>), California Language Archive
- Plains Miwok basic lexicon at the Global Lexicostatistical Database (<http://starling.rinet.ru/cgi-bin/response.cgi?root=new100&morpho=0&basename=new100\pen\miw&limit=-1>)
- OLAC resources in and about the Plains Miwok language (<http://www.language-archives.org/language/pmw>)

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